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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 28 - MEDIA REACTION -

CONSERVATIVE AFTENPOSTEN IN A SATURDAY EDITORIAL ON "CARTER'S NEW COURSE" WROTE THAT "CARTER HAS IN RECENT DAYS ACTIVELY DEMONSTRATED THAT HE INTENDS TO MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS A FACTOR IN U.S.'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES. HE HAS MOST RECENTLY DONE SO BY REDUCING THE MILITARY AID TO ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND ETHIOPIA." THE PAPER SAYS THAT "CARTER'S ACTION SHOULD BE GREATLY WELCOMED AT A TIME OF SO MUCH INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD." THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT CARTER MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BE CONSISTENT IN PRACTICING HIS GOOD INTENTIONS. "BECAUSE OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENTS ABROAD, FRIENDLY REGIMES MAY BE 'PUNISHED' WHILE THE GOVERNMENTS OF ADVERSARY POWERS MAY NOT BE TOUCHED." AFTENPOSTEN WRITES THAT "CARTER'S MORAL POLITICS WILL SURELY BE TESTED OUT IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER CARTER'S SUPPORT OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS WILL COMPLICATE THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS."

THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY SAYING "IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR CARTER TO COMBINE MORAL IDEALS WITH THE  
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POLITICAL CHALLENGES FACING THE U.S. BOTH THE BENEFACTORS AND TARGETS OF CARTER'S CRITICISM WILL FOLLOW HIS COURSE WITH GREAT INTEREST. AND WE WHO ENJOY HUMAN RIGHTS CAN ONLY WISH HIM WELL." ITEM.

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